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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU VISITED KIM TAE-CHUNG
FOR 20 MINUTES EVENING OF AUGUST 28. JAPANESE
EMBASSY OFFICER KAWASHIMA HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT.

2. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY,
USHIROKU APPROACHED PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL
WITH REQUEST TO VISIT KIM TAE-CHUNG. REQUEST WAS
GRANTED AND USHIROKU PAID VISIT TO KIM'S HOME AT
8:20 TUESDAY EVENING. FIVE OR SIX KOREAN SECURITY
OFFICERS WERE IN THE HOUSE DURING THE 20 MINUTE VISIT.

3. USHIROKU FOUND KIM IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH.
AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH KIM TAE-CHUNG WAS
LIMITED TO NON-SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. ACCORDING TO
KAWASHIMA, THE AMBASSADOR DID ASK KIM IF HE WOULD
BE WILLING TO RETURN TO JAPAN. KAWASHIMA SAID
KIM'S REPLY WAS VAGUE, ALMOST NONCOMMITTAL ALTHOUGH
IT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AFFIRMATIVE.

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